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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/625,756	KOTWICKI ET AL. <i>CR</i>
	Examiner	Art Unit
	Harry B. Tanner	3744

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 November 2004.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-5 and 8-11 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-5 and 8-11 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 7/22/03, 11/8/04.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6) Other: _____

Applicant's election without traverse of the invention of Group I in the reply filed on 11/08/2004 is acknowledged.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Iizuka et al. Iizuka discloses that it is conventional to control the operation of the air conditioning compressor of a vehicle in response to detecting finish of the up-shift operation of an automatic transmission by detecting the input speed of the torque converter (see col. 1, lines 10-30). It is inherent in such detection that the locked/unlocked condition of the torque converter as well as the speed difference across the torque converter are detected since the determination of the finish of the up-shift operation requires such information.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Iizuka et al as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Spencer, Jr. Spencer teaches the use of the detection of vehicle brake operation 15 as an input to the control 13 of an air

conditioning compressor in order to improve the performance of the vehicle operation.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified the system of Iizuka such that it included the use of the detection of vehicle brake operation as an input to the control of an air conditioning compressor in order to improve the performance of the vehicle operation in view of the teachings of Spencer.

Claims 4 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Iizuka et al in view of Spencer, Jr as applied to claim 3 above, and further in view of Official Notice. Official Notice is taken the antilock braking systems and traction control involve the activation of the brakes of a vehicle. Accordingly, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified the brake detection of Spencer such that it included inputs from the antilock braking system and/or the traction control system of a vehicle since these systems operate the brake.

Claims 8-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Iizuka et al as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Shockley. Shockley teaches the use of a timer 32 in order to engage the compressor a predetermined time after the compressor has been disengaged by an acceleration override circuit. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified the system of Iizuka such that it included the use of a timer in order to engage the compressor a predetermined time after the compressor has been disengaged by an acceleration override circuit in view of the teachings of Shockley.

The specific time period for engaging the compressor after being disengaged by an acceleration override circuit is considered to be a matter engineering design based upon the vehicle cooling requirements.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Harry B. Tanner whose telephone number is (571) 272-4813. The examiner can normally be reached 8:30 am to 6:00 pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Denise Esquivel, can be reached on (571) 272-4808. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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